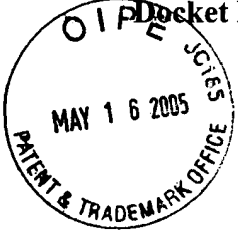


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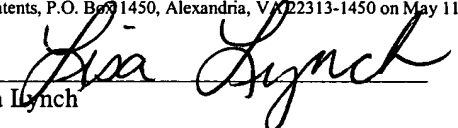
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Serial No.: 10/600,039
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Art Unit: 2818
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed February 11, 2005 ("Office Action"), please amend the above identified application as follows:

Amendment to the Specification is are reflected on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begin on page3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.